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NEWSNOTES



Jennifer McCarthy

Sesame Street brings laughs to military kids

Marcos Domingues, age 4, shows off his Cookie Monster face paint at the Sesame Street Experience for Military Families pre-party held Oct. 18 at John Mann Park. For story, more photos, see page 12.

Town Hall Meeting offers Joint Basing update

There will be a Town Hall Meeting Oct. 30, in the Timmermann Conference Center's Auditorium, Building 5441, located on Eighth Street, at 2:30 p.m.

The agenda includes updates on the impact and progress of Joint Basing and DFMWR activities.

The meeting is the place of duty for Soldiers and civilians commensurate with mission requirements.

All of the Fort Dix Directors will be present to answer your specific questions. If you have identified any concerns since the last meeting, please forward them to the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, attention: Andre Nixon.

For additional information contact Andre Nixon at andre.nixon@us.army.mil.

Voting absentee? Time is running out

We are within 30 days of the General election. If you or your family members requested but have not received an absentee ballot from your state of residence, you should complete and send a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) immediately. Individuals may visit www.fvap.gov to access the FWAB. Soldiers should contact their unit Voting Assistance Officer for assistance with this or any other voting matter.

Dix ID Card Facility announces Saturday hours

Need a new ID card but just can't squeeze out the time during the week? The Fort Dix ID Card Facility will host Saturday hours for issuing identification cards Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 in Building 5418 on the first floor. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information contact Geneva Sturdivant at 609 562-3373/2177.

President signs budget

Spending plan includes pay hikes for all servicemembers, more for Iraq and Afghanistan

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Bush signed the fiscal 2009 defense budget into law, authorizing a \$512 billion base to support military readiness, as well as \$66 billion for operations in

Iraq and Afghanistan.

The law also authorizes a 3.9 percent pay raise for servicemembers, to take effect Jan. 1, 2009. This represents a one-half-percent increase over Bush's initial request.

Bush signed the bill into law this morning without issuing a public statement, before leaving the White

House to meet with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

The budget represents Bush's priorities and sustains U.S. commitment to the war on terror, increasing ground combat capabilities, improving force readiness, developing combat capabilities needed to meet future threats, and improving the quality of life for servicemembers and their families, defense officials said.

It "provides the resources necessary to maintain an agile, highly trained and lethal fighting force," increase Army and Marine Corps end

strength and sustain the United States' technological advantage over current and potential enemies," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said as Bush announced the budget request in February.

The 2009 budget provides more than \$20 billion to grow the force and provide the equipment, training and facilities these troops will need. The new budget will fund efforts to increase the active Army to 547,400 soldiers and the Marine Corps' strength to 202,000. It also includes continued funding for the Army's

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Draft Iraq agreement protects military

American Forces Press Service
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, 2008 – The draft status of forces agreement between the governments of the United States and Iraq contains adequate protections for U.S. military members, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said during a Pentagon Channel interview broadcast.

Gates said he and other senior civilian and military leaders believe that the draft agreement contains satisfactory protections for U.S. servicemembers.

Among other things, status of forces agreements delineate how U.S. servicemembers are treated under a host nation's laws.

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, soon-to-be U.S. Central Command chief Army Gen. David H. Petraeus and Multinational Force Iraq Commander Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno "have been very deeply involved in this whole process of negotiation" over the Iraq SOFA, Gates said.

The Defense Department would not put military members serving in Iraq at risk, Gates emphasized. "We think that the agreement does not do that," he said.

During an interview with reporters traveling with him, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen reiterated his belief that Iraqi forces are not ready to assume sole responsibility for security in the nation.

Though Iraqi officials are discussing the agreement and the politics involved will play out, time is running out, Mullen said.

The United Nations mandate allowing foreign troops to operate in Iraq runs out Dec. 31.

The chairman and other defense leaders repeatedly have expressed the concern that much of the progress made to date in Iraq would be lost if failure to reach an agreement in time results in a break in operations.



Lisa Evans

Getting to the point with MOUT training

Spec. James Higginbotham, 377th Chemical Company, South Carolina, teams with Spec. John Roberts to administer an IV to First Lt. Jason Kim during military operations in urban terrain training on Fort Dix Oct. 17.

Soldiers make best recruiters

First Lt. Antonia Greene
72nd Field Artillery Bde PAO

"Soldiers are our best recruiters – if they are excited about their service – that excitement is contagious and gets others to join our great Army Reserve family," said Sgt. Major Maurice Mimms, former 72nd Field Artillery Recruiting and Retention NCOIC.

In a return to community based recruiting, the United States Army Reserve (USAR) launched the Army Reserve Recruiting Assistance Program (AR-RAP) less than three years ago with hopes of increasing recruiting and retention in the Army reserve component by actively recruiting ordinary Soldiers as part-time Recruiting Assistants (RA).

"If each of the RAs actively seeks out quality future Soldiers from within their individual spheres of influence, it benefits the Soldier, new

recruits and the Army Reserve – well worth the effort and monetary incentive," said Mimms. Even though Mimms is no longer in a recruiting position, he still believes it is every Soldier's duty to recruit future comrades.

"I love the Army Reserve life, and I make it a point to tell everyone I come in contact with," said Mimms. Mimms is currently working on

The Army's new community-based recruiting plan rewards quality Soldiers who use their experience and enthusiasm to find new recruits for the Army reserve.

his Masters degree in HR Administration and guess what his thesis concentrates on – how to get people to join the Army Reserve!

Enabling the Army Reserve to achieve its objective and increase its number of MOS qualified officers and Soldiers is the goal of AR-RAP. The program, administered by

Docupak, extends the Army Reserve recruiting mission to all USAR Soldiers. Docupak verifies and hires the Soldiers, empowering them to serve as RAs after completing a simple on-line application and 30-minute training session at www.ar-rap.com.

"Success of the AR-RAP can be attributed to the simplicity of the program and efficient monetary incentive offered to the RAs and not to under-

estimate the increased trust recruits have when it's a friend referring you as opposed to traditional Army recruiting offices," said Staff Sgt. Luis Gonzales, 72nd Field Artillery Recruiting and Retention sergeant.

Gonzales recruited his own brother Jose with 20 years in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. His

brother was getting ready to retire when Luis talked with him about the Reserve training mission, more importantly, the mobilization opportunities, here at Fort Dix. In two weeks, Jose was wearing the big A with 3rd Battalion, 312th Regiment.

"Recruiters can't do all the recruiting themselves and we can't accept the money – Soldiers are effective sellers – once they find out about the program and see success the first time, they continue recruiting like it's a part-time job," said Gonzales.

According to the AR-RAP website the program is aimed at maintaining today's Army Reserve readiness and strength requirements by promoting strength from within by recognizing and rewarding those who help the Army Reserve achieve its goals. Upon a validated enlistment contract, the RA receives an initial payment of \$1000, with the second \$1000 payment upon successful shipment of a

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the mind field Remembering Korea's 'Coldest Winter'

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

David Halberstam, author of *The Best and the Brightest*, captures the pain and pathos of the Korean War in his book, published posthumously, *The Coldest Winter*.

His is a clear, colorful, one-volume account of combat that has been tagged the "Forgotten War." But participants never forgot. *The Coldest Winter* is their story. Herein, the tale told by a timeline:

1950
June 25 - One hundred and thirty-five thousand Soldiers from the North Korean Peoples Army invade South Korea, seizing the southern capital of Seoul in three days.

July 1 - First U.S. infantry unit arrives in Korea: The 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 21st Infantry Division. It joins with Battery A of the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion to form Task Force Smith.

August 1 - United Nations (UN) forces pushed back to Pusan (see map) perimeter.
August 4 to September 16 - About 84,478 U.S. troops fight to defend the Pusan Perimeter, including the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd, 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions and the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade.
September 15 - U.S. and allied forces land U.S. Marines and Army troops at Inchon, setting off a week-long battle for Seoul, which is finally recaptured by joint forces on Sept. 27.

September 16-27 - Eighth U.S. Army breaks out of Pusan Perimeter.

early October - Republic of Korea (ROK) forces and U.S. 1st Cavalry Division cross the 38th parallel, the border dividing North and South Korea.

October 19 - U.S. Eighth Army takes Pyongyang (see map), capital of North Korea.
October 26 - Sixth Division of ROK III Corps reaches Yalu River, the North Korean border with Red China.

October 27 to 31 - Chinese Army intervenes, badly mauling 7th Regiment of ROK 6th Division.

November 2 - Strong Chinese forces attack U.S. Eighth Army at Unsan (see map), forcing them to withdraw across Chongchon River.

November 24 - Gen. MacArthur announces - "The Chinese are not coming in."

November 25 - The Chinese smash ROK II Corps in central Korea near Tokchon (see map).

November 26 - The U.S. Eighth Army is attacked by 200,000 Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) north of the Chongchon River and suffers heavy casualties.

November 27 - U.S. 24th, 25th and 2nd Divisions retreat across Chongchon. Eighth Army begins withdrawal. CCF attacks 1st Marine Division on west side of the Chongchon (Chosin) Reservoir with elements of U.S. 7th Division on east side.

December 3 - Pyongyang abandoned by Eighth Army.
December 9 - 1st Marine Division completes fighting breakout, begin on Nov. 27, and joins the U.S. 7th Division at port of Hungnam on Dec. 11.

December 15 - Eighth and ROK Armies withdraw below 38th parallel.

December 13 - Lt. Gen. Walker killed in jeep accident. Gen. Matthew Ridgway appointed head of Eighth Army.

1951
January 3, 4 - Seoul evacuated by UN forces.

February 17 - U.S. Second Division smashes five attacking CCF Divisions at Chipyong-ni to break up enemy offensive.

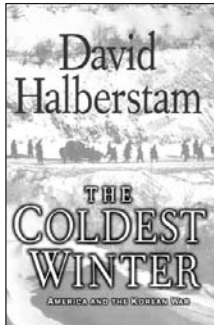
March 14, 15 - Eighth Army retakes Seoul.

April 11 - Gen. MacArthur relieved of command. Gen. Ridgway replaces him.

April to December - Heavy fighting continues with lines stabilizing near 38th parallel.
July 10 - Peace negotiations open at Kaesong, fighting continues.

September 23 - U.S. 2nd Division and 1st Marine Division secure Heartbreak and Bloody Ridges.

1953
July 27 - Armistice signed, ending three years of conflict.



The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War by David Halberstam, Hyperion, New York, paper, 719 pages, \$17.95 at Borders



U.S. Navy photo, now in National Archives

MILITARY PREDECESSOR - Allied forces begin to land at harbor of Jinsen (Inchon) on Sept. 8, 1945 when the Japanese controlled what was to become South Korea. On Sept. 15, 1950 U.S. Marines landed again, this time to get behind invading North Korean forces.



U.S. Signal Corps, National Archives

STROKE OF GENIUS - Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander of U.S. Forces; and Maj. Gen. Edward Almond, observe the shelling of Inchon from the U.S.S. McKinley on Sept. 15, 1950. MacArthur's stroke of genius cut North Korean forces in two, split their supply lines, breaking their initial invasion of South Korea in 1950.



http://www.bob-west.com/2CHO-MARPHOTO.html

FIREPOWER - U.S. Marines launch an air and infantry assault to destroy a roadblock somewhere in the Chosin Reservoir area in December 1950.



http://moldrop.com

WARRIORS PAR EXCELLENCE - Surrounded by 150,000 Soldiers in 12 divisions of the 9th Chinese Communist Forces Army Group in frozen wastes surrounding the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea; two ROK divisions hooked up with the Army's 7th Infantry Division and the 1st Marine Division to fight their way out in November, 1950, the "Coldest Winter."



DoD photo

SOLDIER OF STEEL - "If ever an American officer was perfectly suited for a particular moment in American military history it was Matthew Bunker Ridgway when he was summoned to take over the shambles of a dysfunctional Eighth Army," writes David Halberstam in "The Coldest Winter." Writing years after the Korean War, Gen. Omar Bradley noted that "It is not often in wartime that a single battlefield commander can make a decisive difference. But in Korea, Ridgway would prove to be the exception. His brilliant, driving, uncompromising leadership would turn the battle like no other general's in our military history."



U.S. Signal Corps, National Archives

LAST PORT CALL - On Dec. 24, 1950 the USS Begor destroys the last of its installations at Hungnam (see map) after evacuating 105,000 troops from X Corps, 91,000 Korean refugees, more than 17,000 vehicles and several hundred tons of cargo.



http://www.veteranshour.com/korea.htm

A Phillies chronicle of World Series woes

compiled by Steve Snyder
When the Philadelphia Phillies enter a World Series Philly fans feel something akin to what the ancient Hebrew prophets felt when confronting the Almighty.

Fear and trembling, baby. In roughly a century of play Philadelphia's finest have represented the National League five times in the fall classic but have emerged as world champions only once, in 1980. And it's been 15 years since the Phils lost a heartbreaker to Toronto in six in 1993.

But the diamond gods are restless. They tell us the Phils will take Tampa in seven. The Phillies, after all, ain't the Cubs. Nobody is.



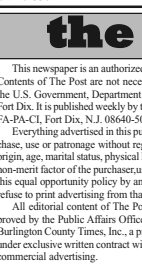
Rick Stewart/Getty Images

1993 - Despite Lenny Dykstra's ^ four home runs, the Phillies could not corral the Toronto Blue Jays in the 1993 World Series, losing in six games when veteran Toronto outfielder Joe Carter hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to secure the Blue Jay victory. It was Toronto's second straight championship.



Sports Illustrated Vault

1983 - Despite Joe Morgan's two home runs, the Baltimore Orioles took apart Philadelphia in five games to win the Series that year. Tony Perez, Pete Rose and Joe Morgan, top to bottom, graced the cover of Sports Illustrated during Spring Training in 1983.



www.sportsresourceszone.net

1980 - Ace relief pitcher Tug McGraw ^ the Phils clinch their one and only World Series triumph against the Kansas City Royals in the sixth game of the 1980 World Series at Veterans Stadium on Oct. 21, 1980.

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Williams honored for special operations role

Col. Timothy R. Williams, commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, is awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal by Brig. Gen. Michael Bednarek, commander, First Army East, Oct. 22 at Fort Dix.

The citation for the award reads, "Williams distinguished himself while serving as Director of Operations, Special Operations Command Central, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla. from May 2006 to July 2008."

"He was solely responsible for directing and synchronizing combat engagements of all Special Operations Forces in the Iraqi theater of operations."

Williams' current assignment is as commander of the training support brigade at Fort Dix holds the responsibility for training, mentoring and deploying thousands of service members in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



photos by 1st Lt. Antonia Greene



Recruit system boosts Army

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non-prior service Soldier to Basic Training or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).

For all prior service recruits who sign an enlistment contract, the RA will receive the initial payment of \$1000 upon the individual's validated contract into the Army Reserve.

The second \$1000 payment will be awarded upon his or her successful assignment for a minimum of 120 days in an assigned unit and complementary drill weekend attendance during the period.

For more information on the AR-RAP, or if you have possible leads on future USAR Soldiers you would like to follow through, contact luis.gonzalez23@us.army.mil or call his office at 609-562-3390 and help recruit our future Citizen Soldiers.

Transforming the way the Army Reserve conducts recruiting and retention, re-educating and retraining leaders and Soldiers, and activating the mentor-coach approach to recruiting is what is making AR-RAP successful in building today's Reserve component.

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POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of Oct. 13 through 19.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAJD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown Gate, police discovered the operator, a Fort Dix contract employee, had a suspended driver's license and two warrants out of Cherry Hill. The subject was cited and transferred to the custody of Cherry Hill Police. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

●While conducted a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Browns Mills Gate, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAJD, had an expired driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police responded to a report of theft of personal property in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had taken property from an unsecured vehicle belonging to a civilian NAJD.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Trenton Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAJD, was struck by a deer. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and the deer was killed on impact. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the Main Gate. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAJD, struck another vehicle from the rear. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP#9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAJD, had a suspended driver's license and a warrant out of Toms River. The subject was cited and transferred to the custody of Toms River Police. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered two passengers in the vehicle, both civilians NAJD, had outstanding warrants from Trenton. Both subjects were transferred to the custody of the Burlington County Jail.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5502. Investigation revealed contract workers in the building accidentally set off the alarm.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of government property at Bldg. 5613. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had taken a Company Guidon. Investigation continues.

●Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to an incident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed a military dependent was assaulted by her spouse, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, resulting in injury. The victim was stabilized and transported by ambulance to VMHBC. The subject was apprehended, transported to the police station for processing, and released to his chain of command.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5399. Investigation revealed contractors working on the system had caused it to activate.

●During a routine traffic stop on Eighth Street, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAJD, had an outstanding warrant from Washington Township. The subject was transported to the police station for processing. Washington Township was contacted, issued a new court date, and the subject was released.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5503. Investigation revealed a bag of popcorn left in the microwave too long had burned, triggering the alarm.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5986. Investigation revealed an electrical short in a light fixture had caused the alarm. Power to the fixture was shut off and a work order was placed.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on New Jersey Avenue. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, was struck by a deer resulting in disabling damage to the vehicle. The deer fled into the woods and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

●There were four expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 20 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at nine for the year.

Budget signed

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transformation from a division-centric force to a more flexible modular force with increased mobility and combat power.

The new budget will strengthen the National Guard and reserves, providing \$49 billion to recruit, train, equip and sustain units that provide critical military capabilities.

It also provides funds needed to recapitalize aging aircraft fleets, providing \$17.3 billion to modernize tactical fleets and develop and procure fighter aircraft for the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

Quality-of-life issues play prominently in the new budget. In addition to the pay raise, the law provides more than \$41 billion for the military health system. It also bars some participants in the military's health care network from raising their fees.

The law also provides funds to continue action on recommendations of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors. Officials said the funds will ensure world-class health and rehabilitative care to warfighters who are wounded, ill or injured in service to the nation.

On the civilian side, the Cost Of Living Allowance for most retired federal employees will go up 5.8 percent. Civil servants still on the job will get 3.9 percent, plus whatever the location adjustment is for the area.

Unit trades one guidon for another

Maj. Theresa Bunn
PAO, RTC-E

Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 391st Regiment Logistics Support proudly rallied around their battalion regimental flag for the last time October 18 as part of the deactivation ceremony held at Doughboy Gym on Fort Dix.

The unit, first constituted in 1918 as part of the 98th Division, earned its wartime motto, "We Will Always Win," during its WWII activation as part of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's ground forces in the Asiatic Pacific Theater just prior to the Japanese surrender.

Since WWII, the unit has served 62 years as part of the 98th Division of the Army Reserve, undergoing various reorganizations culminating in its role as a logistical support battalion now organized under the 80th Training Command.

The unit's deactivation is part of the 80th Training Command realignment of units. The 3/391st laterally transferred members to a former sister battalion, the newly activated Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 319th Regiment headquartered in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Soldiers of this newly formed company will continue to serve at their location on Fort Dix and their detachment

at Fort Devens, Mass., providing administrative, logistical, maintenance and transportation support for the Total Army School System (TASS) operations.

Outgoing battalion commander, Lt. Col. Don Timmerman, said during the ceremony that the unit will continue to transform to the role the army intended it to serve in and meet the needs of the army. He pointed out "the logistical support role is critical and drives the wartime success of the missions."

Honored guests for the ceremony included U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador Gabriel J. Zinni, of Pennsylvania, Col. Kenneth Jones, 800th Logistics Support Brigade (LSB) commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Nikolette Yungandreas, 800th LSB command sergeant major, Lt. Col. Andrew Keim, 3rd Battalion, 319th Regiment commander, 1st Sgt. Lincoln Brown, acting battalion command sergeant major for 3/391st, and family members of Lt. Col. Don Timmerman including his wife, Jackie and sons Jack and Connor.

After the unfurling of the new Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 319th Regimental guidon, Lt. Col. Andrew Keim, welcomed the addition of his new Soldiers saying, "It was a new beginning for a unit with a great foundation and a legacy

of success."

He said he looks forward to working with each of the new soldiers and sharing their continued dedication to mission success.

Keim's battalion holds a distinguished war time record, including four victorious World War I campaign streamers while serving under General John J. Pershing in the American Expeditionary Forces, and four World War II campaign streamers while serving under General George S. Patton and earning their regimental motto "Volens Et Potens" Latin for "Willing and Able."

Col. Ken Jones, 800th LSB Brigade commander, commended the Soldiers for their personal sacrifices and phenomenal success in their current mission, which includes providing logistical support to over 2,500 instructors and Soldiers in 33 states coast-to-coast as part of the 80th Training Command Total Army School System (TASS).

Zinni said, "Today's ceremony marks the realignment of a unit that has existed since World War I and embodies Warrior Citizens that have sacrificed their time and talents during a time of war and they should remember their service to their country and to each other with great pride and honor."



Spec. Kevin Harrison



HISTORIC UNIT CASES COLORS -- Lt. Col. Donald Timmerman, commander, 3rd Battalion, 391st Regiment, above, presents the guidon to Col. Ken Jones, 800th Logistics Support Brigade commander, as Jones prepares the colors for casting during the 3/391st deactivation ceremony at Doughboy Gym Oct. 18. Left, Jones presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Timmerman for superior service while serving as commander of the 3/391st.

C U S T O M E R S E R V I C E

SERVICE ASSESSMENT

As part of our efforts to prioritize services and improve service delivery performance, the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) conducts a Customer Assessment of services provided by their installations.

It is an annual Web-based, diagnostic tool process that provides direct feedback to the Garrison leadership from those constituents that use products and services at the installation. The assessment enables the Garrison Commander to obtain critical customer service feedback on service-provider strengths and areas requiring improvement.

For more information contact your Customer Service Officer
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The jack-o-lantern photo at the top of page one was a joint effort by the Soldiers of the 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, New Jersey Army National Guard, during their mobilization at Fort Dix Public Affairs Office in support of the Global War On Terrorism. The Soldiers designed and carved the pumpkins, and the picture was taken by Sgt. Robert Jones.

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

Education Center to close temporarily

The Fort Dix Education Center will be closed Oct. 24 and will reopen Oct. 27. For more information call 562-5001.

Free concert featuring rap star Young Leek

Tickets are no longer required for the "Young Leek" concert to be held Oct. 24 at Griffith Field House. The show starts at 8 p.m. Parental Guidance is Suggested for Minors under 13 years old. Other special guest artists are also appearing.

Tickets on sale now for music events

Ticket are on sale now for the Fort Dix Apollo Night featuring Ray Chew & the Apollo Band. The show will be held Nov. 21 in Club Dix at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. I.D. card holders and their guests can participate in the show by registering Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. A \$500 prize will be awarded to the local winner. Entrants must provide his or her own music tracks.

Tickets are also available for Patti Labelle & Friends in concert at Timmermann Center to be held Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Tickets for either event are available at Club Dix or at FMWR Headquarters.

Call 562-2767 for more information.

Thrift Shop seeking consignments

The Fort Dix Thrift shop is now accepting Fall clothing consignments. Consignments are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments are also available by calling 723-2683.

The Thrift shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the first and third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Wednesday of the month from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call 723-2683.

Homework help available at Youth Center

The Fort Dix Youth Center offers homework assistance for grades 6-12. Call Central Registration at 562-5231 to find out more this and other great programs for your child.

Volunteers needed for speaking engagements

The Fort Dix Public Affairs Office is looking for officer and senior NCO volunteers to help us in our community relations efforts by becoming part of our speaker's bureau. Please call Gerry Zanzalari at 562-4034 for more information.

305th Med Group makes cancellations easy

Soldiers who cannot get to scheduled medical appointments on time at the 305th Medical Group, McGuire Air Force Base, may cancel their appointments by calling 754-9287. The phone will be staffed until 2 p.m., when it will switch to a message system that will be checked hourly.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held weekly

Part of the mission of the Army Substance Abuse Program is to support 12 Step Programs in the community. There are two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Fort Dix.

A closed, members-only meeting is held every Tuesday night at Bldg. 9013 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Thursday nights, there is a meeting at the Main Chapel from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (use the 8th Street parking lot entrance; the meeting is in the lounge near Fellowship Hall). There is no cost except the desire to stop drinking behaviors that are harmful to yourself and others.

If you or someone you care about needs help, these meetings are ANONYMOUS.

For more information, call 562-2020 or 4011, or stop by Building 5203.

Real estate career help available

Anyone interested in becoming a real estate agent should call Rod Martell, Army Community Services at 562-2186.

Kids give back to others

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Kids at Fort Dix's School Aged Services (SAS) made dog treats and sewed pillows for animals as part of their monthly community and volunteer work in a program called "Promise Passport."

The program was started more than 10 years ago by then President Bill Clinton and retired Gen. Colin Powell. It focuses on promoting individual and group volunteering and community participation.

SAS Program Assistant April Gentry's class made dog treats using flour, chicken broth, garlic, and eggs. They were then delivered to the Burlington County Animal Shelter in Westampton, by SAS Program Lead, Marie Poci.

"The kids really enjoyed making the treats, knew it was for a good cause and Marie said the dogs seemed to really enjoy the treats too," said Gentry.

In another SAS class, Program Assistant Eduarda Rivera and chil-

dren are sewing pillows for animals at the same Westampton shelter.

"When the kids come in to SAS in the mornings and afternoons the kids have a choice of doing several different types of activities. We encourage them to do community activities, but they are not forced and the decision is left up to them. Gradually, though they all like to get involved and chip in and they've all sewn some pillows," said Rivera.

Gentry's class will soon make cards to send to Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan during the holidays and Rivera's class will sew pot holders to give to soup kitchens.

"I think the kids really get a lot out of doing these activities because they get to see how happy they can make other people, and at the same time, it makes them stop and gain a different kind of perspective in that their own lives aren't so bad, and there are people out there who have it worse," Gentry said.

Before long the pillows will reach the shelters and our furry friends will have more comfortable places to sleep.



Ryan Morton

GOING TO THE DOGS -- Sophie Casciano, School Aged Services (SAS) attendee, sews a pillow designated for an animal shelter while Eduarda Rivera, SAS Program Assistant, holds it in place Oct. 20. The students are making the pillows to give to a local animal shelter as part of the "Promise Passport" program.

Character stressed at meal

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

Children and parents brought their appetites to School Aged Services (SAS) Oct. 16, to kick off the annual "Character Counts!" week festivities with a pot luck dinner.

Everyone brought delicious, mouth-watering dishes such as chicken, rice, and pasta, as well as luscious desserts.

SAS hosts the pot luck dinner each year in conjunction with the "Character Counts!" program that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 15 years.

The fundamental framework is embraced by thousands of schools, communities, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations. This year it's recognized during the week of Oct. 19-25, and uses the "Six Pillars of Character," which are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship to teach and educate others.

"I think a program like this is important because it helps to reinforce that good character which I think exists within all of us. Too often we forget, in our busy lives, those pillars of character of what they are and stand for," said Marie Poci, SAS Program Lead.

Throughout the week, the kids learned about those "Pillars" through lessons such as making bracelets to give to others, and playing the Candy Land board game to learn about being fair and respectful to others.



photos by Ryan Morton

MEALS READY TO EAT -- Harriet Lugo, School Aged Services (SAS) director, serves Mark Colby at the pot luck dinner, which kicked off the annual "Character Counts!" week festivities at the School Aged Services building, Oct. 16. Families enjoyed the chance to eat together while sharing the "Six Pillars of Character" - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.



Tips make for safe Halloween

Jennifer McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

It is almost time for the goblins and monsters to hit the streets for trick or treat. In order to keep Halloween from turning into a true night of terror, there are simple steps everyone can take to ensure that every little ghoul returns safely home to their "mummies and deadies."

●Never let children trick or treat alone. Have an adult accompany them or have them walk in a large group of friends.

●Have children wear a watch and know when curfew is. Trick or treat on Fort Dix is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

●Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods.

●Remind children to not eat any candy until it has been inspected by an adult. Do not eat any candy that has torn wrappers or appears suspicious.

Small toys may also pose a choking hazard. Remember, when in doubt, throw it out.

●Make sure costumes fit, are easy to move in, see out of, and do not drag on the ground. Costumes should be flame resistant and reflective tape should be added to make trick or treaters more visible.

●Do not approach unknown dogs. Halloween can be a stressful time for many animals and even the nicest dog may snap when stressed.

●Carry a flashlight and walk carefully. A fall over steps, lawn decorations or uneven terrain can bring a fast end to the evening.

●Drivers and pedestrians need to be alert and extra cautious that night.

●Be careful when crossing the street. Walk on the sidewalks, not in the street. If sidewalks are not available, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

●Remember to say trick or treat and please and thank you.



Ryan Morton

Changes in store for station pumps

Don Benson, AAFES Facilities Maintenance Office, makes an adjustment to one of the two new air and water stations installed at the Fort Dix Gas Station, Oct. 6. The gas station will also install new gas pumps and new pump lighting. The lighting, which is designed to be more environmentally friendly, should save about \$6,000 a year in lighting costs.

Fort dix adopts new Mutt

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

A special display is new at the Fort Dix Museum for its reopening in Spring 2009. It is just one of a thousand artifacts and history memorabilia, but this is a don't-miss-it special. The museum proudly obtained a 1971, one quarter ton, four-wheel drive, utility truck, commonly known as a Mutt, from another installation who had simply let it sit and gather dust in a back room. Following a year of piece-by-piece restoration, the Mutt sits in its own room here at Fort Dix with not a speck of dust to mar its utilitarian beauty.

"It was primed and painted the original color it came off the assembly line in 1971," Zimmerman said "It's a simple, functional machine."

Mutts were manufactured

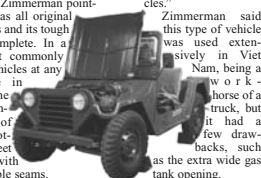
by Hunter Manufacturing Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Parked for permanent display, this Mutt has its original mirrors, pedals, steering wheel, gear knobs and engine, and it has the original data plates, Zimmerman pointed out. It has all original engine parts and its tough body is complete. In a process not commonly used for vehicles at any other time in history, the body is constructed of folded, hot-welded, sheet metal with clearly visible seams.

As a distinct piece of automotive and military history, Dan Zimmerman, curator of the Fort Dix Museum, said the Mutt is a popular vehicle for military and automotive enthusiasts because of its special history and manufacturing.

"If I had it outside on exhibit, it, in three months it would be stripped," said Zimmerman. "People who drive old military vehicles would steal all the parts and fix their own vehicles."

Zimmerman said this type of vehicle was used extensively in Vietnam, being a work-horse of a truck, but it had a few drawbacks, such as the extra wide gas tank opening.

"The Viet Cong used to pull the pin, wrap a grenade in tape, drop it in the tank and close it back up. In an hour or so, the gasoline would melt the tape and the grenade would explode," Zimmerman explained.



Lisa Evans

GOLDEN OLDIE -- A 1971, M151 Mutt (Military Unit Tactical Truck) sits on display at the Fort Dix Museum. The Mutt was a commonly used vehicle in Viet Nam. This one was obtained from another military installation, where it was nearly forgotten. After a year-long restoration, the vehicle is in pristine condition. The Mutt isn't the only thing that's been restored - the museum has been closed while it receives a long awaited overhaul, but it will reopen this spring.



courtesy photo

Soldiers compete in memory of comrades

The Fort Dix Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy participated in the Second Annual McGuire Air Force Base Ruck March Oct. 18. It honored the Gold Star Mothers (mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of our country). Nineteen mothers were present. The NCO Academy had three four-member teams. They didn't place; they did it for the mothers and their fallen comrades. The 12 members from the NCO Academy who participated were: Sgt. 1st Class Jose King, Sgt. 1st Class Rose Morgan, Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Mercado, Master Sgt. Roger Murphy, Sgt. MacLee Morgan, Sgt. 1st Class Dwight Crutchfield, Staff Sgt. Travis Woodland, Sgt. 1st Class Wendy Williams, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Thigpen, Staff Sgt. Timothy Moore, Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Wright, and Staff Sgt. Chad Jackson, all shown in above photo.

Chaplains' Corner

Master Sgt.
Anthony Pampin
Installation Chapel Staff

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

Do you need direction in your life? There are times when, in the darkest moments of your life, the only comfort left for you is a word from God. You might be making decisions about your health, relationships, job, or home, but you don't have to make those decisions on your own. It is by faith that God's mighty power is released into the life of a believer. No matter what you are facing in life, God is with you. God is interested in every detail of your life, and He's provided direction and guidance in His Word. God is faithful to His Word, and you can

have confidence that His peace is always available to you. Follow His word, believe His word, and have faith in His word. Focus on His goodness, His mercy, and His grace, knowing that He rewards the people who seek after Him. Meditate on the faithfulness of

God and show your love for Him by believing and following His word.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:3-4

Guard offers recognition



Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen

The New Jersey National Guard honored 32 Soldiers and Airmen, and two civilians with awards ranging from the Legion of Merit and Purple Heart to Meritorious Service, Commendation and Achievement medals Oct. 17. At left, Department of Defense Police Officer Richard Leon receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth.

Movin' up

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Seung Lee of New York City was promoted Oct. 8 from 1st Lt. to Capt. Lee's 2008 orders bring him to Fort Dix. "I like it here," said Lee. "I can't think of any downsides." As his promotion was announced, his speech was simple and straight to the point. "Thank you."

photo by Jennifer Chupko



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Soldiers receive power of communication

Sgt. Bill Addison
JASG-C Public Affairs

BAGHDAD Iraq — Three New Jersey Soldiers were given the gift of connectivity with friends and family back home, when Newark-based utility company Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) provided them with free laptop computers.

The trio, all of the Joint Area Support Group-Central, received the donation via Lt. Col. Robert Jarvis, JASG-C Installations deputy director and PSE&G employee.

According to the Hainesport, N.J. native, the company has a fairly robust computer infrastructure and is rotating new equipment into the line regularly.

"They realized when they take a computer out of service that there's still some good life left in it," he said of the company's computer donation project, which regularly donates computers to schools and other needy organizations.

Jarvis said the effort was initiated by Chip Gerrity, president of IBEW Local 94, repre-

senting employees at PSE&G.

Gerrity was invited by PSE&G to attend the Enlisted Support of the Guard and Reserve boss lift trip to Fort Bliss, Texas, where the members of the JASG-C and the rest of the New Jersey National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) were training for mobilization to Iraq.

"During the trip, he found that there was an opportunity to aid Soldiers in communication with their families and suggested that PSE&G donate computers to the Soldiers through the company's computer donation project," said Jarvis.

The lucky Soldiers were Sgt. First Class Barry Douglas and Staff Sgt. Jesus Barrio of the JASG-C's Badging section and Sgt. First Class Tracy Cianfrano, logistics NCO for JASG-C.

"The first night I got it, I e-mailed my wife, and then I went on iTunes and downloaded a bunch of songs," said Douglas, of Vernon, N.J. Douglas said that the computer has made it much easier to communicate with his wife and son.

"I'm going to be getting a webcam, so I can talk to them and they can see me. I couldn't do that before," he said.

"Thank you very much PSE&G," he added.

Barrio said that he also planned on getting a webcam, a far cry from the letters he was sending home before.

"I'm very happy that I'm able to communicate and see the videos my family has sent me," he said.

"I'd like to thank whoever was involved at PSE&G for donating these laptops to us," he added.

For Browns Mills, N.J. resident Cianfrano, the donation gives her not only connectivity back home, but to other parts of Iraq as well. Her husband, 1st Sgt. Nicholas Cianfrano, also deployed with the 50th IBCT, and is stationed at Camp Cropper. Now she can communicate with her husband in Iraq, and her step-son back home with ease.

"I set my step-son up on AKO so we can communicate and he sent me a birthday card to my e-mail. I wouldn't have been able to see it if I didn't have the laptop," she said.



Sgt. Bill Addison, JASG-C Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Jesus Barrio, Lt. Col Robert Jarvis, Sgt. First Class Tracy Cianfrano and Sgt. First Class Barry Douglas, all of the Joint Area Support Group-Central, pose with the laptop computers donated to them by Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G).

"I would thank them from the bottom of my heart. I think it's absolutely wonderful that they thought of everyone over here," she said.

While Jarvis was moved by the company's efforts, he wasn't at all surprised.

"It's actually pretty common for folks in the company

to do things like this," he said, noting the efforts of his coworkers to support a number of local charity groups. Jarvis said that since 9/11, a number of employees have been called to active duty, and so the company has heightened its awareness of the needs of Soldiers.

Jarvis said he's hoping to

receive more donations from the company, and has already made arrangements to branch out and help out other Soldiers in the brigade who could benefit from these laptops.

"If we can continue to get equipment for them, we'll continue to get them set up," he said.

Cell phone contracts eased

Nurit Anderson
Legal Assistance Attorney

On October 10, 2008, President Bush signed the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act, which amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to permit servicemembers deployed overseas for 90 days or longer, or who receive permanent change of station

orders, to cancel or suspend cell phone contracts without penalties or extra fees if the servicemembers' ability to satisfy the contracts or to utilize the service will be materially affected by such deployment or permanent change of station.

In order to exercise this right, servicemembers must provide their cellular telephone service contractors with copies of their military orders. Upon

receiving the request, the telephone service contractors shall grant the requested relief without imposition of an early termination fee for termination of the contracts or a reactivation fee for suspension of the contracts.

Additionally, servicemembers deployed overseas for more than 90 days may suspend their contracts at no charge until the end of their deployments without being required to extend the length of the original contract term.

The newly enacted law, in addition to establishing the right to terminate or suspend cell phone contracts, also strives to improve the veterans' disability claims process and enhance the VA home loan financing program.

Anyone with questions regarding these recent changes should contact the Installation Legal Office at (609)562-3043.

New Features of the Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

Great news! Delta Dental of California has been selected by the Department of Defense to continue as administrator of the new TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) contract through September 2013. Under the new contract that begins on October 1, 2008, the TRDP will be an even better value than it is today, offering Uniformed Services retirees and their eligible family members some exciting new features.

To arrange for a retiree group briefing on highlights of the upcoming new TRDP contract, just call your local TRDP marketing representative at the contact number listed below. New program materials to replace your current stock will be available very soon for distribution. In addition, more detailed information will be available for you to use if you are interested in publishing an article in your base newspaper or departmental newsletter.

On behalf of the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program and our retired Uniformed Services population, we thank you for your dedication and ongoing support of this valuable and important program.

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Spec. Kevin Harrison

Smith catches rising star

Jennifer and Michael Smith pin stars to the shirt epaulets of their father, Brig. Gen. Michael R. Smith, deputy commanding general, 99th Regional Support Command, at his promotion ceremony at Club Dix Oct. 19. Maj. Gen. William Monk III, commanding general, 99th Regional Support Command, and Smith's wife, Bernadine, assist in the ceremony.



Ryan Morton

Mail carriers go on tour

INTERNATIONAL MAIL CARRIERS - Capt. Kimberly Burke, commander, 444th Adjutant General Detachment, Plans and Operations, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Freeto, above, display their unit's yellow banner during the Yellow Banner ceremony, Oct. 22. Their unit, out of Pittsburgh, Pa., will conduct postal operations in Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa.



Troops head for Afghanistan

PSYOPS MOVING OUT - 1st Sgt. Billy Lambert and Maj. Arnold Noyola, commander, middle left, 345th Psychological Operations Company, Dallas, Texas, stand in Infantry Park with their unit's Yellow Banner before embarking on a deployment to Afghanistan to join in the Global War on Terrorism Oct. 22. Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Langworthy and Lt. Col. Robert Yates, above, task force commander, 15th Psychological Operations, Task Force Siren, Cincinnati, Ohio, display their Yellow Banner in Infantry Park during a ceremony Oct. 22. The unit is preparing to deploy to Afghanistan.



1st Lt. Antonia Greene

Lead NCO visits trainers

Command Sgt. Maj. John Gipe, Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard, visited National Guard Soldiers in the Operation Warrior Trainer program at Fort Dix, Oct. 9. Gipe, who brought a team of subject matter experts with him, held a town hall meeting with the trainers. They answered questions about finances, leave, deployments, mission, and other subjects posed by the Soldiers. Gipe thanked them for the great job they're doing in support of the 72nd Field Artillery Training Support Brigade. Currently, Gipe serves as the 8th Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard. He serves as the Director of the Army National Guard's personal advisor on all enlisted matters, with special emphasis on quality of life and training.

MILITARY MATTERS

Army launches online safety toolbox

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala., Oct. 7, 2008 — The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has developed a Range & Weapons Safety Toolbox to help commanders and leaders prevent weapons handling accidents on military ranges. From fiscal 2000 through the first quarter of fiscal 2008, 62 Class A through C weapons-handling accidents occurred on military ranges. While many of these accidents resulted in relatively minor injuries with limited time lost from duty, 13 Soldiers were fatally injured and

five Soldiers will live the remainder of their lives with a physical impairment or disability. The Range and Weapons Safety Toolbox is a collection of resources to help commanders and leaders establish and maintain an effective range safety program. The new site hosts reference materials, such as publications, training support packages and a variety of training aids, as well as links to other sites and tools like the Defense Ammunition Center (DAC) Explosive Safety Toolbox and the Ground Risk Assessment Tool (GRAT), which is designed to assist in identifying hazards and controls for various mis-

sions. Multiple tabs let the user access safety information on M16/M4 rifles, pistols, crew served weapons, hand grenades, convoy live fire, and Military Operations in Urban Terrain training. Site resources include videos, training packages, training aids, posters, vignettes, presentations, risk assessments, and safety messages and alerts. There is also a button where commanders and leaders can submit feedback to the center. The toolbox can be accessed through the USACRC Web site at <https://crc.army.mil/rangeweaponssafety>.



SAFETY AID — Commanders can access range and weapon training/safety information at the Army Range and Weapon Safety Toolbox site. The site provides guidance and resources for enhancing safety measures during training.

Chaplain reviews the sacrament of marriage

Chap. (Maj.) Gary K. DeRouney
Multi-National Division-Center Iraq

Baghdad, Iraq October 18, 2008 — "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." Mark 10:9.

After finishing a day working at the Marriage Tribunal in Baltimore, I headed for the parking lot where I ran into another minister. We began to discuss our views of marriage, and what we saw as essential in preparing a couple for marriage. He responded that he

asks only one question to the couple. "Would there be any reason why you would get a divorce?"

If the couple would answer "yes," he would then send them on their way. He told them he could not participate in the ceremony if they were seriously.

In my last deployment, the commander overheard two of his soldiers talking prior to the religious services about their views of marriage and their deployment. One stated that he was "TDY" or temporarily divorced for a year. The commander was not pleased with

this statement, and at our next unit formation, he addressed this issue quite clearly. He reminded us that we may be physically separated from our spouse, but we are neither separated from our responsibilities nor our integrity.

In a nation where over 50 percent of first time marriages end in divorce and over 70 percent of first time military marriages end in divorce, one may question if the couples understand or truly mean what they proclaim as they join together as husband and wife at the gift of matrimony.

"To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for

worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part."

These words, or similar words are proclaimed at most wedding services. Nowhere does it state in one's vows that if my spouse commits a sin or is physically separated from me, do they become null and void. In preparing couples to enter into the gift of matrimony, I remind them this preparation is not for the wedding day but for their life together as united in marriage so they may celebrate their 50th anniversary. Additionally, if the couple expects their wedding day to

be the best day of their lives, then I advise them not to get married. For if that is their best day together, then it is only down hill from there. Rather, the wedding day is the beginning of a new life together as husband and wife. Through their commitment to each other, they are called to make each day a new expression of their love for each other.

However, true love involves risk. It involves sacrifice and pain — in a word, suffering. If we don't think so, we haven't spent much time reflecting on the passion of Christ and His willingness to die on the cross for our salvation. This is the

heavenly bridegroom giving up his body for his bride. Husbands are called to love their wives "as Christ loved the Church" (Eph 5:25).

It is in our sacrifice, especially in these times of separation, that we come to appreciate the greater good of our marriages, our families and our God.

"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) May the love that you professed to your spouse on the day of your wedding be only a speck of the love you experience today and everyday of your married life together as husband and wife.

Soldiers tagged for personal security detail

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

"Amid the rattle of gun fire, the bursts of explosions, shouted orders, and choking dust, combat life saving skills were put to the test Oct. 17. Soldiers of the 377th Chemical Company, tasked as a Personal Security Detail (PSD) guarding military and government personnel in the Green Zone Baghdad, worked through one final exercise on Fort Dix before deployment.

In this scenario VIPs were unscathed and safely removed from the mock battle, but soldiers were injured.

Two Humvees in front and two to the rear guarded two vans carrying dignitaries into Fort Dix's Balad training site. Soon after Soldiers began a conference with a local chief, gun fire erupted. Soldiers guarding the vans went into instant battle mode, saving the commanders but sustaining injuries as bombs exploded and insurgents sought to halt peace talks.

The Soldiers of the 377th out of Greenville, S.C. have taken on a new military specialty far removed from their normal chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) specialization.

"It's similar, if not the same, as the Secret Service, just in a different environment. It's a unique opportunity," said Sgt. Josiah Jenkins, personal security officer.

"I am somewhat honored that I was chosen to protect someone of high importance. It's a lot more difficult than they make it look in the movies. You have to be at the top of your game at all times, when traveling at least. It's tougher than I expected," he said.

During training the Soldiers got it right, but made some mistakes before learning what it takes to ensure general officers, command sergeants major and sometimes a minister or president survive forays into possibly hostile environments.

"I plan for the worst, train for the worst, and I would personally like to not have to use any of the reaction drills we have learned at Fort Dix," Maj. Joe Hartman, commander of the 377th said.

Why was this group of Soldiers tasked to perform a difficult and dangerous mission outside their military specialties; a mission to protect highly visible targets?

According to Lt. Jason Kim, "They are extraordinary Soldiers and are very professional. This is a group of Soldiers who are identified as the best and brightest our brigade has to offer."

Kim said his Soldiers had a very steep learning curve but they have learned everything presented to them.

"The 377th Chemical Company has come together as an elite team and they are preparing diligently to complete their mission and come home safely. I care about my Soldiers. Soldiers are my career," Kim said.

The 377th is set to replace the 1st Motorized Infantry Company of the Multinational Security Transition Command Iraq (MNSTC-I) which earned the nick-name the Rough Riders their first year in operation.

Seeing the risky duties the Soldiers found themselves performing, other Soldiers compared the infantry to the daring exploits of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

Like the original rough riders, the Soldiers of the PSD have to have the knowledge and skills to spring into action at a moment's notice and protect their leaders.

"I do look forward to training in Kuwait with the current rough riders and learning how they operate in the environment because, just like us, they were not regular security when they started," Hartman said.

Chemical companies must score high General Technical (GT) test scores, Hartman said, giving the Soldiers the ability to think technically, making the unit flexible with the ability to adapt to any situation with intelligence and reasoned reactions.

The Soldiers chosen for this assignment have higher than average test scores.

"We have to be very attuned to protocol, counter insurgency requirements, when general officers are out amongst the populace, meeting with ministers and talking with people," Hartman said.

Hartman said the detail is mainly tasked to move vehicles from point to point safely and will rarely dismount. But time are changing and events will demand a change in their job descriptions. United States and Iraqi personnel are trying to set up grass roots events to draw people into the peace process, so a lot of pressure will be put on the teams to cover personnel, Hartman said, during impromptu soccer games or photo opportunities for the

press or the Iraqi populace.

During those times, the teams must be under the populace, but also will need to react quickly and move personnel to safety if needed.

Hartman said that this added dimension is because a large part of their training is to be friendlier, to show the Iraqi

people that they are there as peacekeepers, not warriors.

They will be asked to smile and wave at the people, be kinder and gentler, and not point their guns at people, impede traffic, or upset the market structure.

"It is becoming tougher over there so that we must be pre-

pared to do anything. At the same time, we're in a transitional phase to pass the baton off to the Iraqi government, the people, their military and police," Jenkins said.

"It's changing from just security to where we're keeping it safe, but not coming off as being too aggressive any-

more. We want the people to love us," he added.

The Soldiers under his command have risen to the challenge, are very professional and really know their jobs, Hartman said.

"I have complete faith they are going to do a great job," Kim concluded.

Announcements

Cinema Schedule

754-5139
McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, Oct. 31 @ 7:30 p.m.

Righteous Killers - Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, Curtis Jackson, Carla Gugino, Donnie Wahlberg
Two veteran detectives (Robert De Niro, Al Pacino) hunt a vigilante whose crimes resemble those of a killer they put behind bars long ago.

MPAA Rating: R-violence, pervasive language, some sexuality and brief drug use
Run time: 1 hr. 41 min.

Saturday, Nov. 1 @ 3 p.m.

No Matinee

Sat., Nov. 1 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys - Kathy Bates, Alfre Woodard, Sena Lathan, Tyler Perry, Rockmond Dunbar
A wealthy socialite Charlotte Cartwright (Kathy Bates) and her dear friend Alice Pratt (Alfre Woodard), a working class woman of high ideals, have enjoyed a lasting friendship throughout many years.

Suddenly, their lives become mired in turmoil as their adult children's extramarital affairs, unethical business practices and a dark paternity secret threaten to derail family fortunes and unravel the lives of all involved. In the midst of the turmoil, Charlotte and Alice decide to take a breather from it all by making a cross-country road trip in which they rediscover themselves and possibly find a way to save their families from ruin.

MPAA Rating: PG-13-thematic material, sexual references and brief violence
Run Time: 1 hr. 51 min.

Future Features...

Fri., Nov. 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

My Best Friend's Girl

MPAA Rating: R-strong language and sexual content throughout, graphic dialogue and some nudity

Sat., Nov. 8 @ 7:30 p.m.

Burn After Reading

MPAA Rating: R-pervasive language, sexual content and violence

Chapel Services

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Sunday Services

Protestant.....9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Catholic.....10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel.....11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday School.....10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
CCD.....9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950
Church Street
General Protestant Service
6:30 p.m.

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent

Protestant.....8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Catholic.....8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Mormon.....8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Jewish.....8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room

Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday, Room 24

Christian Men of the Chapel
Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel
- meets every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel and the 4th Tuesday at Burtonwood Hospital.

Gospel Youth & Teens

Hallelujah Party

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.
Chapel Fellowship Hall.
All are invited to come and enjoy the festivities.
for details (609) 562-2551

"The Way to Maturity"

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Purpose: To grow closer to God and to lay a biblical foundation in our lives for continued growth and change. Spiritual growth is a lifelong process of growing closer to God.

Recreation Center

Bldg. 5905 (Military Only)

Mon. thru Fri.4 to 10 p.m.
Sat. and Sun.noon to 10 p.m.
Meet and Greet friends
Food and Fun for all

Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039 562-5691

Registration Hours:

Tues. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Wed. & Thurs. noon to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Fri. 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

***Sewing Boot Camp For Youth** - Custom Pillowcase for Sweet Dreams, Oct. 25, 9:15 a.m. to Noon - Class & material fee: \$25.00 Calling all youth ages 11-14, boys and girls. Learn to sew in our studio using state of the art sewing machines. This is a one day class to introduce you to machine sewing. All project supplies are included. Class size is limited to the first six students, 'sew' sign up now!

***Adult Introductory Painting Course** - Nov. 6 - Dec. 18, Thurs. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (6-week course). \$30 registration fee, plus materials. Build on techniques learned in Introductory Drawing or discover all new painting skills. The course will cover various paint media including acrylic and watercolor paints. Come join us for a "colorful" and fun experience!

***Santa's Workshop** - Nov. 8 - Card making workshop is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ornament painting workshop is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and **Quilts for Kids** is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The holidays are coming quick, and it's time to get busy! Set aside a day for card making, ceramic ornament painting, and learn some new quilting techniques in "Quilts for Kids". Bring in your digital image and get 20% off any holiday cards you make with the Sony Picture Station. Bring a friend or the whole family for a fun-filled day.

***Framing Qualification Classes** - Held Saturday, Nov. 1 or Wed., Nov. 5, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Pre-registration fee of \$10 is required prior to class. Materials not included.) Get qualified to use this great facility and equipment! You will complete one piece as you learn to operate the equipment. You are required to bring something in to frame such as a photo or certificate. All materials are available at the frame shop which will be purchased at the end of class.

***All Army Digital Photography Contest** - Deadline Dec. 7 - Access the contest website and enter your favorite digital images at <https://artsandcrafts.fairwars.army.mil>. Contest is open to Active Duty and civilians. Contest information and assistance is available at the Arts & Crafts Center.

***November Gallery Exhibit** - Illustrations by Joseph Russo - Joseph Russo displays his prints in the gallery through the month of November. Mr. Russo worked on Fort Dix as an illustrator over 25 years, and his work focuses on military themes. Military Family Month Specials - In honor of our military families, we are offering 20% off framing of family and military portraits (presentation items not included), and 20% off all ceramic and mosaic items, plus critters and outfits from Nov. 1 through Nov. 29.

***Krafty Birthdays** - Arts & Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties! Parties include up to two hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by to select the craft and make payment.

***Contemporary Ceramics & Mosaic Studio** - The Contemporary Ceramics Studio offers a large selection of bisque pieces to choose from to decorate and paint. All finished pieces are food, microwave, oven, freezer, and dishwasher safe. We have lots of idea books, traceable designs, tools, and an experienced staff to help you create a finished piece you will love. Mosaics are a great way to express yourself with colorful glass. From mirrors to wall plaques, we have many items to make as gifts or add pizzazz to your home décor. Just come in, pick out your piece, and we will help you with the rest. There is no time limit on completing your project, so you can relax and enjoy our friendly, creative atmosphere for as long as you like!

Residential Refuse Collection

Monday

McGuire AFB -3800s and 3900s

Tuesday

All of Fort Dix

Thursday

McGuire AFB

4000s; 4400s; and 4500s

Thursdays

Recyclables are picked up

Monday and Tuesday

Yard and Garden waste picked up both installations

ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Heart's Apart

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ACS

Understanding How Credit Works: Part 2: Using Credit Wisely, Dealing with Debt 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. SFAC Bldg. 5644

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Everything You Need To Know About Money: Budget Review 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ACS

Thursday, Oct. 30

Domestic Abuse Prevention Month Information Booth 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Timmermann Center

Friday, Oct. 31

International Spouses Group 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. ACS

Youth Center

562-0661

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Fri. 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday, noon to 6 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

Monday - Friday

Power Hour 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Journalism

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Sports & Fitness

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fashion Design

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Cosmetology 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 31

Scrapbooking

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SKIES Unlimited

Ballet

Wednesdays - Fee is \$45

3-5 years: 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

4 and up: 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Child Development Center

Martial Arts

7-18 years - Fee is \$57

Wednesday & Friday 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Youth Center

Gymnastics

Weekly

2-3 year olds - 30 min. classes

\$40 per month

4-6 year olds - 45 min. classes

\$45 per month

Child Development Center

Piano Lessons

Fee \$20 for 1/2 hour

FMWR presents

CLUB DIX - 723-3272

Club Dix Hours of Operation

Java Café

Mon. thru Fri. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Served

Tues. thru Fri. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday thru Monday Closed

Bar Hours

Wednesday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thurs. thru Sat. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday thru Tuesday Closed

Computer Lab

Mon. and Tues. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wed. thru Fri. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday noon to 10 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Equipment Rental Center

Mon. thru Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

John Mann Park

Fall hours of operation

Sat. and Sun. 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Military pets have chance to fetch \$1,500 AAFES shopping spree

DALLAS - The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is giving military pet owners the opportunity to crown and bark about their four-legged friends and what they mean to them. The "Patriot Family Pet Photo Contest," which runs through Dec. 15, allows pet owners to submit a photo of themselves or family members with their pet along with a 50-word or less description of their furry friend.

"When you're responsible for making sure BX/ PX shelves across the globe have the treats and toys animals need, you quickly realize that pets are a big part of our extended Patriot Family," said Chief Marketing Officer Mat Dromey. "This unique contest gives pet owners of all ages the chance to show others, both through photos and words, why their dog, turtle, cat or any other animal that provides companionship is such a special part of their home."

The grand prize winner will get their paws on a \$1,500 AAFES shopping spree. Additional prizes include a \$1,000 shopping spree for first place, two second place \$500 awards and two third place \$350 shopping sprees. In addition to the monetary prizes, the winning photos will be featured in future AAFES advertisements as well as on Exchange TV, AAFES' in-house television network.

To participate in the Patriot Pet Photo Contest, shoppers can send entries to PatriotFamily@aaef.com <mail to: PatriotFamily@aaef.com> with "Patriot Family Pet" in the subject line. Entrants must include their name, address, phone number, rank/occupation and pet's information (name, breed or type of pet) in the email. More contest details can be found at www.aaef.com.

Griffith Field House

Bldg. 6053 562-4888

Saturday, October 25 -

AFAA Kickboxing Certification

November 18 & 19

CrossFit Certification

visit www.crossfit.com



The Fort Dix Army Community Service in Partnership with Operation RE/MAX presents
A Seminar for Military Spouses, Active, Retired, and Veteran Service Personnel

"BECOMING A REAL ESTATE AGENT"

by Joseph A. Trola
Broker/Owner
Former Military Crew Chief

DATE: 4 Nov 2008
TIME: 1730 - 1900
WHERE: ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM BUILDING
5201 MARYLAND AVENUE
FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY

TOPICS:

- WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?
- WHAT ARE THE COSTS?
- HOW MUCH TIME IS INVOLVED?
- WHAT IS A REFERRAL AGENT?
- MAY I WORK FROM HOME?

All of the above subjects will be covered, plus the Advantage of Becoming an Independent (Self-Employed) Agent.

A Question & Answer session will follow the presentation.

Please call: Rod Martell at 609-562-2186 to register.

~ Seating is limited to 20 ~



Club Dix
Halloween Party

30 October 2008
2100-Midnight
Club Dix

Disco lives at Club Dix!
Prizes for Best Costume.
Theme Drink Specials
Dress to Impress, All things 70's
All Costumes welcome!

Adults ONLY event!
No Cover Charge

Club Dix Bldg. 5455 8th & Alabama Ave. Fort Dix, NJ
For more information please call: 723-3272



Fort Dix Indoor Pool presents
the 7th Annual...
Halloween Party

Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 pm
Costume Parade begins at 6:30pm. Admission is FREE!

Snacks & Drinks, Prizes, Costume Parade,
FREE Goodie Bag and FREE Swimming from 7:00pm
This event is for Military and their families only.
*Swimming bag and swim cap required. \$10.00 admission.
*Location: Indoor Pool may not be appropriate for children under 7 years of age.

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Smokin' Joe Frazier does!

Army motorcycle safety nets award



Ed Mingin

READY TO RUMBLE -- The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center was recognized by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for contributions toward motorcycle safety.

Jennifer Albert
Combat Readiness/Safety Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. -- The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), an internationally recognized non-profit organization, recently awarded the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center (USACRC) for contributions toward motorcycle safety.

The awards for "Outstanding Motorcycle Safety Support," presented at the Atlanta Military Motorcycle Rally, were accepted by director of Army safety, Brig. Gen. Bill Forrester and Army Traffic Safety Manager, Ernest W. Eakins. U.S. Army Central Command hosted the Atlanta Area Military Motorcycle Safety Rally Sept. 25 and 26 at Fort Gillem, Ga.

"As the demands upon the rider-education community grow, MSF desires to acknowledge those outstanding contributors whose accomplishments exemplify the spirit and intent of rider education," said MSF President Tim Buche.

The USACRC was commended for support of the U.S. Army worldwide motorcycle safety program, and coordinating the joint efforts with the Navy in the development of the Military

Sportbike Rider Course.

Every year, based on nominations from the training community, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation recognizes individuals, groups, businesses, military services and state programs for outstanding contributions to motorcycle safety in the United States. MSF award nominees are reviewed and judged within their respective categories by a panel of motorcycle safety professionals.

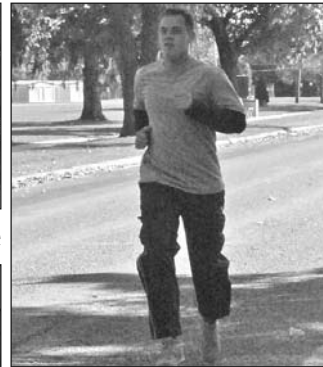
"The awards are our way of providing recognition and a thank-you to those dedicated, hard-working and often unsung champions of rider education and training," said Buche. "Whether the award recognizes an individual or an organization, behind it all you'll find people devoted to the common goal of motorcyclist safety."

Since 1973, MSF has set internationally-recognized standards that promote the safety of motorcyclists with rider education courses, operator licensing tests and public information programs.

The MSF Awards Program is one way the safety community is able to recognize such outstanding accomplishment.

For more information about the Army Motorcycle Mentorship Program, visit <https://crrc.army.mil/mmp/>

Runners race to start Red Ribbon Week



photos by Jennifer Chupko

Red Ribbon Week started Oct. 20 with a 5k fun run at the Griffith Field House, above left. Staff Sgt. Robert Coyle, above, was the top finisher of the run, completing the course in 21 minutes 45 seconds. Staff Sgt. Miliza Diaz was the first female to cross the line, with a time of 24:20. Red Ribbon Week is a program designed to encourage a drug-free lifestyle. For more information about the Red Ribbon program, call 562-4011.



Coast Guard team wins challenge

Petty Officer 3rd Class
Adam C. Baylor
U.S. Coast Guard
National Strike Force

A four-member Coast Guard team including an officer from Fort Dix defeated 58 all-military teams in the Eighth Annual Wilderness Challenge Oct. 3-4 in rural West Virginia.

After having traversed more than 30 miles of trail in the Appalachian Mountains and paddled through stretches of the East Coast's most turbulent rivers, the Coast Guard team took first place in the challenge.

The victory marked a new course record when the adventure athletes finished more than five minutes ahead of some of the military's elite units including Army Rangers, Air Force SERE Specialists and Commandos, Navy SEALs and Marine Force Recon and Expeditionary units.

The four members of the team were Lt. Cmdr. Dan Deptula, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety and Security Team Boston; Lt. Michael Weaver, Operations Officer, Atlantic Strike Team, Fort Dix, N.J.; Lt. Brian Maggi,



Mark Piggott

WILDERNESS WINNERS -- Coast Guard Team "Duckie Fuzz and the Masters of Rubber" from Boston, Mass., are the 2008 Wilderness Challenge champions. The team members, from left to right, are Lt. Michael Weaver, Lt. Brian Maggi, Lt. j.g. Cheryl Hickey and Team Captain, Lt. Cmdr. Dan Deptula. Weaver is a member of Fort Dix's Atlantic Strike Team.

Civil Engineering Unit, Providence, R.I.; and Lt. j.g. Cheryl Hickey, National Data Buoy Center, Stennis Space Center, Miss.

The team battled to overcome an 8-kilometer mountain trail run, a 14-mile mountain bike race, a 14-mile hike, a 13-

mile whitewater raft race on the Gauley River, a half-mile swim and a 7-mile kayak race on the New River.

Camaraderie among the military teams participating was one of the most rewarding aspects of the event, said Weaver.

"It came down to the final event and the Coast Guard was being cheered on by other services," he added.

The event is sponsored annually by the Navy's Mid-Atlantic Region, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department.

Muppets help with deployment

Jennifer M. McCarthy
Public Affairs Staff

Sunny days that sweep the clouds away, sweet air, friendly neighbors, it is no wonder so many people want to know the way to Sesame Street.

Anyone seeking such an ideal place did not have far to go Oct. 18, when the *Sesame Street Experience for Military Families* show made its way to Timmermann Center.

The *Sesame Street Experience for Military Families* is a free show produced by Sesame Workshop, in conjunction with the USO and VEE Corporation. It is part of Sesame Workshop's *Talk, Listen, Connect* initiative.

The *Talk, Listen, Connect* initiative, was launched in 2006. This initiative provides

support and offers significant resources for military families with young children experiencing the effects of deployment, multiple deployments or when a parent returns home changed due to a combat related injury.

This show features some of the most popular Muppet stars in the pre-school entertainment firmament, singing, dancing, giggling and hugging their way into the hearts of kids and parents alike.

Elmo, Grover, Cookie Monster, Zoe, and Rosalita shared through music and movement, some of the feelings kids may have when a parent is deployed.

Lynn Chwatsky, senior project director, Sesame Workshop, oversees this military outreach program.

"This is our way of giving a break to the everyday struggles

of the military family faces. In a military family, if one member is deployed, the entire family is deployed. It's a little way to give back. We love these families," she said.

Information about the *Talk, Listen, Connect* initiative was available at the show, including copies of the *Talk, Listen, Connect* DVD, that inspired the stage show. This DVD helps pave the way for families to discuss deployment issues facing young children.

"They have the tools to be able to have dialogues about these issues," said Chwatsky.

These same tools are also available through Military One Source, www.militaryonesource.com and the *Talk, Listen, Connect* video is available to download through Sesame Workshop, <http://archive.sesame-workshop.org/tlc/>.

A pre-show picnic was held at John Mann Park prior to the show. This party was sponsored by the Fort Dix Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (FMWR).

The outdoor extravaganza featured games, prizes, face painting, a giant inflatable slide, a bouncy castle, mini-golf, go-carts, batting cages, face painting, free lunch and the chance to mix and mingle with Sesame Street characters.

"My husband is serving his second tour in Iraq," said Gayle McElroy, while her son Brian navigated the frog hole at the mini-golf course, "This is something nice for him (Brian) to do."

The fun even continued after the show, when FMWR presented all the children with stuffed Sesame Street toys.



photos by Jennifer McCarthy



FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS--Laura Fenbush, 2, gets a squeeze from Bert at the *Sesame Street Experience for Military Families* pre-show Picnic held at John Mann Park, Oct. 18. Crowds packed Timmermann Center to see Grover, Elmo, Rosalita, Zoe and Cookie Monster live. The show was geared towards helping children cope with a parent's deployment.

Dix employee walks for cancer fund

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

More than 3,100 walkers traveled throughout the Philadelphia area raising awareness for the fight against breast cancer, Oct. 17-19 during the Breast Cancer Three-Day walk. Bonnie Reed, Fort Dix's Deployment and Mobilization Readiness Program Manager, Army Community Service, took on the incredible challenge.

The "Breast Cancer Three-Day" walk benefitting the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund, is comprised of 60 miles of walking in a three-day period.

"I've been training for the past year," Reed said. "Sixty miles of walking sounds like a big feat, but 20 a day doesn't sound as bad!"

The first steps of the walk began at the Willow Brook Mall in Willow Brook, Pa. and finished at Villanova University in Philadelphia.

The walkers also travelled through Chestnut Hill, Germantown and East Falls on Oct. 17, in historical points of Philadelphia, Oct. 18, and from the Pennsylvania Main Line to their final destination, Villanova University.

The walkers were provided meals, snacks and liquids. The walker's camp site had mobile showers and live entertainment before the trekkers crawled into their sleeping bags. A 24-hour medical support team also allowed the walkers a safe journey.

"Running and listening to music aren't allowed on the walk," said Reed. "I like it better that way it allows you to think and it is more peaceful."

Each walker, who made thousands of steps through Philadelphia, was required to raise at least \$2,200 in donations in order to participate.

"I made over the amount of donations, but would have made up the difference anyway," Reed said. "That is how much I wanted to walk."

Eighty-five percent of the

net proceeds went to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund received the remaining 15 percent. Last year's nationwide events raised more than \$86 million.

During the opening ceremony, National Spokesperson Jenné Fromm, Breast Cancer three-Day, spoke words of encouragement to the masses.

"Your efforts are helping save lives and for that we are very grateful," said Fromm. "That finish line needs you for joy and celebration. Not just now, but for generations to come."

**"One in eight women develop breast cancer and that is one too many."
- Eileen Hiesman, National Philanthropic Trust, Chief Executive Officer**

Eileen Hiesman, National Philanthropic Trust, Chief Executive Officer, also offered support at the opening ceremony.

"Together we are getting closer to our vision of a world without breast cancer and together we will do it!" said Hiesman. "One in eight women develop breast cancer and that is one too many."

Breast cancer survivor Sarah Johnson, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Director, spoke about her fight with the disease.

"I knew what I had to do and I had my family and my friends to get me through it," said Johnson. "Having that support system really helps someone."

Johnson has been in remission for eight years and understands what the women diagnosed have to endure.

"You think to yourself that there are things you want to be around for," she said. "Everyone deserves to live a full life."

Dr. Trina Poretta, Comprehensive Cancer and Hematology Specialist, Cooper University Hospital agrees.

"When patients come in without someone I question why," said Poretta. "It is extremely important to have a support system for both during and after breast cancer treatment."

Statistics show an estimated 40,460 women and 450 men will die from breast cancer in 2008. According to Poretta only 10 percent of that total will be diagnosed from genet-

ics. "A lot of women think about the 'whys' and 'hows' when they are told they have breast cancer," said Poretta. "It is important to get checked regularly."

"I think of all the women I think of my family," said Reed. "We need a cure before the disease is even diagnosed."

The 60 mile march ended on Oct. 19 amid tears, cheers and high-fives, for the Breast Cancer Three-Day participants.

"I wish more people would support the cause and donate. It was tough and I used a lot of Band-Aids," said Reed. "But, if people can go through chemo and radiation, what is walking on a blister?"

To participate in the 2009 Breast Cancer Three-Day, request an information packet at www.the3day.org.

To donate money to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation call 1-877-GO KOMEN (1-877-465-6636).



BOSOM BUDDIES--Bonnie Reed, Deployment and Mobilization Readiness Program Manager, Army Community Service, right, and her walking buddy, Dianne Calahan, wait for the start of the Breast Cancer Three-Day walk, in Philadelphia, Oct. 17.



photos by Jennifer Chupko

WALK ON--A group of walkers carried flags emblazoned with words reminding everyone what they were walking for throughout the entire 60-mile journey to promote breast cancer awareness.